



Greetings Eagle Chapter Members and Friends!

Thanks to so many who have helped us in the past month at the many activities discussed in this newsletter. Our donors make it possible to serve. We just could not function without your consideration and I want to take this opportunity to thank those of you who can and have donated.

I look forward to seeing you at a future chapter event. Also, we need three more volunteers to help us fill out our three remaining officer positions. My overwhelming thanks to Bill (Sarge) Garlitz and Eric Linneman for joining our board. Please see below and thank-you again Sarge and Eric for stepping in to help!

Very respectfully,

Lee

Elia C. (Lee) Chambers
Chairman/Chief Executive Officer
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We published our previous chapter newsletter on January 24, 2016.

Eagle Chapter membership is free to all Air Force Security Forces Association members who work or live in DC, DE, MD, VA and WV. [Join us.](#)

Bill (Sarge) Garlitz Joins Eagle's Board of Officers as Vice Chairman Maryland Wing



It is my great honor to announce two Eagle Chapter Members who have joined our board of officers.

Bill (Sarge) Garlitz sworn in on Tuesday February 23 as the Vice Chairman of our Maryland Wing. Bill is the second member to serve in this capacity. Sarge brings a huge

background of service to our board. He was an AFSFA MD State Representative at the time Eagle Chapter was formed in 2003.

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Born and raised in Lonaconing, Maryland, Sarge has claimed Ocean City MD as his home of Record since 1986. His distinguished career includes the following:
1961 - 1967 US Air Force - Air Policeman
1974-1988 US Army - Military Policeman
1988-2002 US Air Force Security Police and then Security Forces (retired as MSGT)
In Dec 2015, he retired as the Director of Purchasing for the Harrison Group in Ocean City, MD.

He is now in his sixth term as Post Commander of the American Legion Synepuxent Post #166 Ocean City, MD. (50 year member)

He has a National Appointment to the National Defense/Homeland Security Council. His MD appointments include: Legislative Committee, National Emergency Fund Committee, Public Relations Committee, National Defense/Homeland Security Commission, Department Convention Corp.

His other associations are
The Retired Enlisted Association
First Sergeants Association
The Air Force Association
US Marine Corp League - Honorary Life Member
Fans of the Strategic Air Command Club
Air Force Police Alumni Assoc
Vietnam Veterans of America - Chaplain
VFW
Worcester County Veterans Memorial - Board of Directors

Again, I am honored to add Sarge to our board as the Vice Chairman of the MD Wing.

Eric Linneman Joins Eagle Chapter as our Eagle Exchange Manager



It is my great honor to also welcome Eagle Member, Eric Linneman, to our board as the Eagle Exchange Manager where he will be responsible for operating our memorabilia store.

Eric is Law Enforcement Analyst for the Defense Logistics Agency. He is responsible for the policy and oversight of 400 DoD Police Officers at five DLA installations. In addition, he attends DoD level working groups, is assisting with a DoD level accreditation, the Law Enforcement Defense Data Exchange (D-DEx), eGuardian working group, and many internal programs such as the Inside Threat Program, Mission Assurance working group, and Security Counsel working group. Additionally, he is responsible for issuing and DLA police shields and credentials.

In 2010, Eric retired from the Air Force Security Forces in the grade of Master Sergeant while at Bolling Air Force Base DC

where he served as Superintendent Training, Operations, and Standardization and Evaluations. During his career in the Air Force, he served as an Elite Entry Controller, patrolman, Desk Sergeant, Investigator, Resource Protection/Antiterrorism Manager, Quality Control, Training Manager/Superintendent. He deployed extensively (7 times) during his career.

I am again extremely delighted to welcome Eric to our board of officers.

Eric completed the oath of office on Thursday, February 25th. Once a member accepts his/her position, the board votes unanimously to complete his/her appointment. The chairman then conducts the oath of office and provides a chapter orientation and an overview of chapter policies.

Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Recognizes Two SF



The National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial notified Headquarters US Air Force Security Forces this week that Technical Sergeant Joseph Lemm and Staff Sergeant Louis Bonacasa will be added to the Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Wall in Washington DC this year. Sergeant Lemm and Sergeant Bonacasa will be recognized during Police Week ceremonies. Tech Sergeant Lemm and Staff Sergeant Bonacasa were killed along with four others by a suicide attack in Afghanistan on Dec. 21.

Congratulations to General Jamerson and his staff and the men and women of the 105th Security Forces Squadron Stewart ANG Base New York for their tireless efforts to have these Airmen recognized.

In the photo above, the Eagle Chapter wreath is placed on the north wall of the NLEO Memorial.

April 30 - Eagle Chapter's Vietnam War Memorial Wall Wash Date



Come join us April 30 at 6:30AM for our annual detail to wash the Vietnam War Veterans Memorial Wall in Washington DC. The National Park Service has approved one of our dates so far. So please plan to join us.

We look forward to our Boy Scout Troop joining in with us. It's just not the same without you guys.

Chief (Ret) Jones will be driving up from Charleston South Carolina. This is a very special event. Come join us.

We begin with a devotional service promptly at 6:30. The detail also includes washing and cleaning up the Vietnam War Womens Memorial.

We're always done by 8AM so there is plenty of time left to enjoy your week-end. Contact me if there are questions.

Eagle Sponsors 4 SF Teams and Provides Defensor Fortis Flags for Rucks



It was our pleasure again to help with the 436th SFS' 17th Annual Ruck March to commemorate the Korean War Battle of Chosin

Reservoir on February 27.

Below, Eagle Chapter Vice Chairman of the Delaware Wing, Cliff Richmond, presents our check along with the flags.



Annual Wreath Laying at the Maisey Building



Above, Eagle Member and Vietnam War Vet Willie Squires provides an overview and remarks provided by Oklahoma Heartland Chapter Member, Vietnam War Veteran and President of the Vietnam Security Police Association, Pete Piazza, prior to reading the invocation that was provided by another Eagle Chapter Member and Vietnam War Vet Jim Stastny. Jim is also a chaplain with the Vietnam Security Police Association.

Below, Eagle Chairman Lee Chambers and Eagle Chapter Program Director and Operations Officer of the 445th Security Forces Squadron at Wright Patterson Ohio, Jessica Wruck, lay the wreath.

Our thanks to the Maisey building's facility manager and physical security officer, Tony Talley and Terry Perkins. Captain Maisey's shadow box had been placed in storage due to the building renovation. They pulled it out and made it available for us in this ceremony.

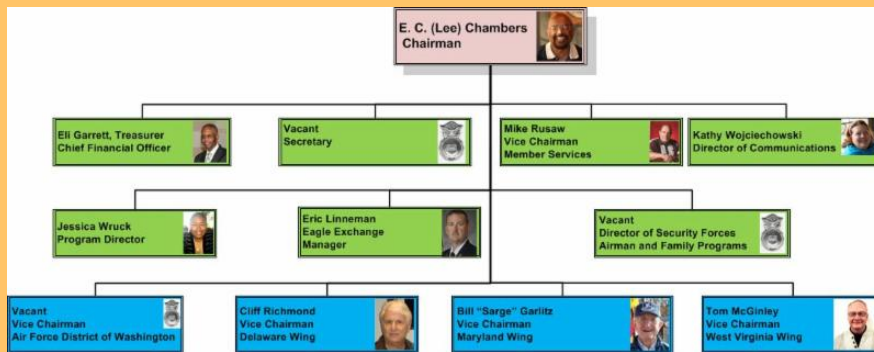
Another thanks to Trudy Hanna for another gorgeous wreath and Jessica Wruck for creating program hand-outs.



Below the Captain RV Maisey Building at Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling Washington DC. Named in honor of Captain Maisey who perished while leading the defense of his sector at Bien Hoa Air Base during the Tet Offensive on January 31, 1968. He was posthumously awarded the Air Force Cross.



Are You Ready To Serve?



Three positions, Vice Chairman Air Force District of Washington, the chapter's Secretary and Director of SF Airman and Family Programs remain vacant and are available to you if you are willing to serve. Any member is eligible to fill these positions and a Security Forces Member's spouse was the first to fill our SF Airman and Family position. In this role, we need an enthusiastic board member (like the rest of us) who will be devoted to partnering with the Key Spouse organizations to help serve our SF active duty families.

The Vice Chairman of the AFDW Wing is a big help to me with the many activities that we support in and around the Washington DC area. Our secretary serves us all. If you might be interested or know someone who I should call to fill any of these positions, just let me know.

NLEOM to Reopen Cases Involving Denied SF Airmen



During Police Week, Eagle Chapter's yellow rose tribute SF Airmen who have died while performing police duties in combat but are not recognized by the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial

In December 2015, following the deaths of Tech Sgt Lemm and Staff Sergeant Bonacasa in Afghanistan, I began a discussion with the National Law Enforcement Officer Memorial (NLEOM) staff to discuss their policy regarding military police who die while performing police duties in combat. Though this was not an issue for the two Airmen who were killed in December because Afghanistan is no longer considered a combat zone, the death of these two Airmen was a painful reminder to me of work not yet finished to have our SF KIAs memorialized at the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial

Last week, the NLEOM informed me that they would reopen their records and review the decision of their board that denied General Hertog's Nov 2008 request to recognize the seven airmen (Jacobson, Norton, McElroy, Chavis, Nathan, Self, and Griffin). The intent is to not purely look at the policy but the activities of these Airmen when they died.

At the end of their review, they will provide me the results and discuss next steps. I have invited the USAF SF to join in this discussion when NLEOM has conducted their review as they are in a much better position to take next steps needed should the review result in our Airmen being recognized. This just might be our year!

Torch Passes at the Womens Memorial



After 29 years of service as the President of the Women in Military Service to America Memorial, Air Force Brig Gen (Ret) Wilma Vaught (left with Eagle Member Rachel Vis) announced her retirement and transition to the new President in January. Major General (Ret) Dee Ann McWilliams.

Gen Vaught has been a very good friend who has spoken at one of our chapter luncheons. She will be missed by many. We wish her the very best as she stays engaged in a reduced capacity as President Emeritus.

We look forward to supporting General McWilliams.

Eagle Chapter Board Meeting March 2

The next Eagle Chapter Board meeting will be held Wednesday, March 2, 2016 at 8:00PM. Attendance is open to any chapter member, spouse, or significant other.

The meeting is held via conference call. Contact [Chairman](#) for conference call information.

I greatly look forward to seeing our two new officers at the March 2 board meeting.

Very best regards,

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